

## GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### Minutes of October 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Sue Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation administrative office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
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Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

### **Guests**

Robbie Waciawski, of the Rotary Club of Grand Blanc, presented a check for the amount of \$300 to the Commission. The donation was from the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Club held in the Parks and Recreation Beer Tent during the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest held in September.

Roger Buell, Public Services Director for the Charter Township of Grand Blanc, presented information regarding a paved pathway that is planned to run from the entrance of Creasey Bicentennial Park to Hill Road. The 2.2 mile pathway will be funded by an MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) grant of \$692,000 and \$296,000 from the Township. The path will be 10 feet wide, per MDOT specifications. Township officials are in the process of planning the route and securing easements from property owners along the route.

### **Minutes**

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, that the Minutes of the September 27, 2007, meeting be approved as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

### **Director's Report**

Director Kae Eidson continues to attend regular staff meetings at the City and Township as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings.

The Director continues to attend meetings with the Genesee County Senior Advisory Committee as well as the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission regarding the County Senior Citizen Millage.

Work continues on the video being prepared by Vidcam to promote Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation.

Director Eidson met with M. Vanitvelt, an E-Bay retailer regarding selling some equipment. The old snow plow has been sold. The old tractor and dump truck are not yet sold, but there have been inquiries.

The Director, Assistant Director J. Weasel, and Maintenance Supervisor A. Taylor met at Creasey Bicentennial Park with the Township Grounds Committee, J. Zittel, R. Swaim, R. Buell, S. Starks, and T. Pettit. Discussion centered on the status of the pond at the park entrance. R. Buell will investigate the water loss to the pond and possible solutions as well as work on the access road and parking around the pond. He will also continue work on the temporary road/path for the Reid Road entrance by November 15, 2007.

The Director met with a representative of Proffer Signs to discuss a recognition sign for "Friends of Parks and Recreation" donors. A copy of the "Friends of Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation" brochure was included in the Director's Report.

Director Eidson has sent thank you notes to the volunteers and sponsors who helped with the entertainment tent during the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest.

### **Assistant Director's Report**

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that the "Mother and Son Date Night" was held October 3 with 140 attending the event. The event had a jungle theme. A magician entertained the boys and moms. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Jamie has been attending and officiating Flag and Junior League Football games.

Registration for the Men's Basketball league has begun. Teams will play on Monday and Wednesday evenings with six teams each night. Monday tends to be a more recreational league and Wednesday more competitive.

Saturday swim instruction is going well. Cheryl McLean supervises this program as well as Open Swim.

Katie Gutteridge is supervising the fall lacrosse program. Players and parents are enjoying the program. Katie is a teacher at Grand Blanc Middle School West. She has worked for us in a variety of positions for several years.

### **Recreation Programmer Report**

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported the Flag and Junior Football and Cheerleading seasons are coming to a close. The final games for Flag Football are October 20. The final games for the Junior League season will be played October

27 at the GBHS varsity field. Coaches and officials have done a great job this season.

Fundraisers for the program consisted of t-shirt and sweatshirt sales and the "Blocks of Support" program booklet. Ads were purchased by businesses and parents for the program booklet which then were sold at the games. Sponsors and parents were pleased with the "Blocks of Support" and Kellie expects this to be even more successful in the future.

After School programs have begun and numbers this session are down. A new Pastry Chef Class has shown to be a big hit, averaging 10-12 kids at three schools. Karate and bowling this session are not as popular, however our traditional basic cheer has good enrollment. Kellie hopes to continue partnering with bowling and karate and to expand on our creative after school classes.

GB Little League Baseball has met twice since the Board was nominated. The Board will meet bi-weekly to discuss pros/cons and set-up dates for the 2008 season. The group is working very well and has already accomplished quite a bit. Several pre-season coaching and player clinics have been discussed, as well as early registration for past players and an earlier season for the Majors' division. The group is looking at avenues for expanded field use possibly in the community, updates to existing facilities, expansion of the current program and league rule changes that will foster support across all divisions.

Special Needs Floor Hockey has started. Coach Marcy is back on staff. She is a great role model for the young staff and encourages players and parents in a responsive and healthy way. Currently 10 players are enrolled in the program. Kellie has tried to spread the word through email to our special education department in GB, as well as Swartz Creek, Linden, Holly, Goodrich, Flint, Fenton and Elmer Knopf. The response has been decent. The Director of Special Education for Grand Blanc Schools sent out a mass email to every teacher in the district letting them know GBPR is offering programs and hopefully they will begin to spread the word as well. Coming up is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Harvest Dinner & Dance on Friday, Nov. 16 from 6-8pm at the Senior Center for anyone with special needs and their families.

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the old Ford tractor, old Township dump truck and the old snow plows have been pulled out and readied so they can be put up for sale on eBay.

The splash pad heavy traffic areas have been reseeded. The staff has been removing the rust stains with Iron Out.

Perennials donated by Bordines Nursery have been planted around the park.

Andy met with Kae, Jamie, and the Township about the plans for the pond up front. The rest of the old fence near the entrance has been removed as well.

John Sopha and Aaron Doty assisted Bill Palacios in painting the Senior Center garage.

The maintenance staff set up, worked, and tore down for the Mother Son Date Night at Holy Family.

Andy has completed the yearly fall visual inspection for any new hunting structures (deer blinds, tree stands etc.) in the back field of the park. The remnants of an old tree stand were found and will be removed.

### **Senior Quarterly Reports**

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson presented program, meal, trip, and rental reports for the third quarter of 2007.

### **Administration & Policy**

No report.

### **Budget & Finance**

The Committee met to discuss the 2008 budget proposal.

### **Senior Committee**

The Committee met with R. Swaim, J. Kilmer, Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson, and Director K. Eidson present.

The discussion at the meeting was in regard to constructing a new website for the senior center vs. updating the existing Parks and Recreation website that also hosts the senior center information. Senior Coordinator V. Michelson feels very strongly that a separate website for the center is important in marketing the center and its programs as well as marketing the center as a rental facility.

The Committee agreed that the internet is a very good marketing tool and informational resource. The Director will get comparative prices from Your I.T. which hosts the current P & R website to make necessary updates.

The Director presented the September Senior Expense report;

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to transfer \$13,606.00 from the Senior Millage Account to the General Fund to cover September Senior expenses. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

### **Area & Facilities**

No report.

### **New Business**

The December Commission meeting was originally scheduled for December 20. The Commission will meet December 10. The meeting change will be posted.

The Director informed the Commission that the Commissioner at Large term is up at the end of the year. Notices have been sent to local newspapers that letters of interest for the position can be submitted to the Parks and Recreation office. Applicants will be interviewed at the November Commission meeting.

**Financial Reports**

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the September 2007 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by, G. Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/pr